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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

SUBJECT: Use of Non-Instrumental Testing Devices for Field Drug Testing

It has come to our attention that apparently field drug screening tests are being conducted in Iraq using non-instrumental testing devices. If this is accurate, please take measures to stop conducting field drug screening tests immediately using these unauthorized testing devices.

As you are aware, in order to maintain the forensic integrity of the drug testing program, only authorized testing methodologies may be used. Moreover, disciplinary action based on field testing without certified laboratory confirmation may result in failed litigation attempts which potentially could undermine the credibility of the entire drug testing program.

If field testing is a necessary component of your drug abuse testing program, please forward a request to this office that addresses the required elements outlined in DoD Instruction 1010.16 Enclosure 1.14 (Tab A).

If you have any questions, please contact COL Ronald Shippee at (703) 697-5607.

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As stated

